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ROSEVILLE ACCOUNTANT ADMITS EMBEZZLING
FROM CALIFORNIA HOMEBUILDER

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that former Roseville resident, HEATHER LOUISE LOHMAN, 33, pled guilty today before U.S. District Judge Garland E. Burrell to 28 counts of bank fraud. LOHMAN was initially charged in a sealed federal complaint filed on November 18, 2004. After her apprehension on Margarita Island, Venezuela, LOHMAN was indicted on March 30, 2006 by a federal grand jury sitting in Sacramento, California.

The underlying case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, with the assistance of the Placer County Sheriff's Department. After LOHMAN fled to Venezuela, the FBI and the U.S. Marshal worked with international authorities, including the U.S. State Department, to apprehend LOHMAN there. After being taken into custody in late March 2006 in Venezuela, LOHMAN was extradited to Florida, and then she was transported to Sacramento, California.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, today LOHMAN admitted that -- between January 2003 and March 2004 -- she stole and then forged checks totaling more than \$150,000 from her former employer, "Castle Rock Homes" of Granite Bay, California. LOHMAN used the proceeds of these checks to make payments on her own personal credit cards, to pay her own personal debts, to purchase goods, and services, and to obtain cash for her own benefit.

LOHMAN is scheduled to be sentenced on July 28, 2006. The maximum penalty she faces is 30 years consecutive imprisonment for each of her 28 bank fraud convictions, a five-year term of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$28,000,000.

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